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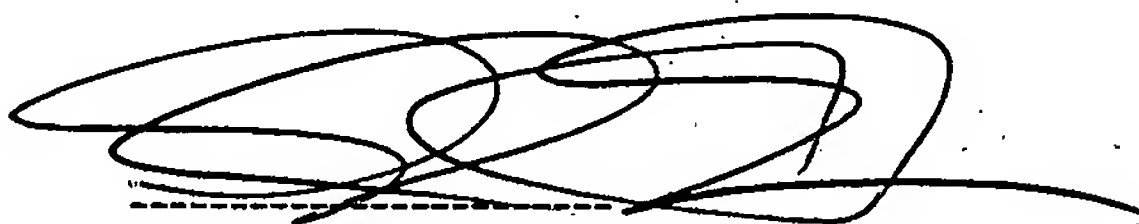
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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-13 are canceled. Applicants elect Group I, claims 14-20, without traverse.

Applicant requests examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,
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